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то:	All Child Nutrition Program Sponsors County Superintendents of Schools Diocesan Superintendents of Schools	ISSUE DATE: May 2002
ATTENTION:	Food Services Directors	
SUBJECT:	Food Safety Materials Available	

This is to provide information on the availability of food safety materials from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for use by food service employees and teachers. The following are available:

- Fight BAC!TM food safety posters
- Food safety pocket cards for schools
- Manager's Self-Inspection Checklist tear-off tablets (50 sheets per tablet)

You may use the food safety posters as a training tool and daily reminder for food service staff on basic safe food preparation techniques. The backs of the posters include reproducible activity sheets for the classroom, cafeteria, and home.

The pocket card is designed to encourage the use of food thermometers in school food service establishments and emphasize the need to avoid the temperature "danger zone" between 41°F and 140°F.

The Manager's Self-Inspection Checklist is designed for use on a weekly basis to determine areas in the food service operation that may require correction action.

USDA is providing these materials free to child nutrition sponsors while supplies last. Copies of the materials and an order form are attached. Please use the form to order any of the food safety materials.

If you have questions, please contact Cindy Schneider, Nutrition Education Specialist, at (916) 322-1566, or (800) 952-5609, or cschneid@cde.ca.gov.

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Attachment I: Food Safety Poster
Attachment II: Thermy™ Pocket Card
Attachment III: Fight Bac!™ Pocket Card

Attachment IV: Manager's Self-Inspection Checklist